

Dr. Roberto M. Rosende

to receive 1992

Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award

What is generally considered to be the most prestigious philatelic honor in United States philately, the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award, will be presented to Dr. Roberto M. Rosende during the Collectors Club's Annual Dinner on May 13, 1992.



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Each year, previous award winners nominate new and worthy recipients for this signal honor. The nominations are presented to the Board of Governors of the Club to be voted for final approval. At its November 1991 meeting, the board selected Dr. Rosende as the 1992 recipient "for distinguished services to philately."

In performing services to philately, recipients are expected to distinguish themselves in: organizational work, collections formed, research published, service as jurors at philatelic exhibitions, membership on expert committees, etc. This year's recipient's contributions to philately encompass each one of the areas noted.

Dr. Rosende is one of America's more active philatelists. Currently he is chairman of both The Philatelic Foundation and its Expert Committee, secretary of The Collectors Club in New York, chairman of the A.P.S. Commissioners' Committee, director of COPO (Council of Philatelic Organizations) and co-chairman of PhilITex 92 (the first international philatelic literature exhibition in North America). He also has prepared the Collectors Club's Program of Events for the last four years, including its annual competition.

In the past he has been president of the Interamerican Federation of Philately, president of the Postal History Society, president of the Cuban Philatelic Society of America, trustee of The Philatelic Foundation, and governor of The Collector's Club.

In addition, he is a member of the Expert Committee of the American Philatelic Society and of the Association Internationale des Experts Philateliques (A.I.E.P.) of Switzerland. He is also an accredited judge for the Federation Internationale de Philatelie (F.I.P.) and for the A.P.S., having served more than 40 times since 1978, including 18 international shows. He has been secretary of the jury at BUENOS AIRES '80 (F.I.P.), BRASILIANA '83 (F.I.P.) and AMERIPEX '86 (F.I.P.).

He has also been the U.S. commissioner to more than 10 international shows, including ESPAÑA '75, CAPEX '78 and LONDON '80. Currently, he is the commissioner to GRANADA '92 in Spain.

Dr. Rosende's writing credits include more than 100 articles printed in English, Spanish and Portuguese in the United States and abroad.

Several have appeared in the *Collectors Club Philatelist* and lately in *The Philatelic Foundation Quarterly*. He was editor of the A.P.S. Guidebook for Commissioners, associate editor of the *Postal History Journal*, and editor of *El Boletín*, the official journal of the Cuban Philatelic Society of America.

He collects specialized Cuba, Latin America in general, Spain and Portugal, and has exhibited more than 30 times at the national and international level. His collections have earned grand awards at STAMPOREE '72 and BALPEX '73, large gold medals at ESPAÑA '75, INTERPHIL '76 and CAPEX '78, and a *prix d'honneur* at LONDON '80.

In order to share his knowledge, he has given more than 25 major talks in English or Spanish, five of them at the Collectors Club and two on U.S.A.-TV (Univision Spanish network). Last November he served as moderator of an international postal history seminar held by the Postal History Society at FLOREX '91 in Orlando, Florida.

His honors include the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists of the British Philatelic Federation, which he signed in Oxford, England in 1985. He is also the recipient of the "Dr. Buenaventura Cruz Planas Memorial Award" from the Cuban Philatelic Society of America.

In addition to his Collectors Club membership, he is a member of the American Philatelic Society, Cuban Philatelic Society of America, Postal History Society, The Philatelic Foundation, and a Fellow of The Royal Philatelic Society, London.

Dr. Rosende was born in Havana, Cuba, in 1936. Becoming a philatelist at the age of 12, he joined the Club Filatelico de la Republica de Cuba as a junior and was elected its secretary in 1958. He was editor of the official publication *Actividades Filatelicas* from January 1960 through June 1963, Nos. 60 to 110. He was also the Club representative at the Philatelic Department at the Cuban Post Office.

Dr. Rosende moved to the United States in 1964 and resides in Yonkers, New York, with his wife of 30 years, Mercedes. He has two children, Robert and Liliana. He holds medical degrees from the University of Havana, Cuba, and the University of Madrid, Spain. Before retiring last year, he was an associate in neurosurgery at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and department head at Montifore Medical Center, both in New York.

He is an avid reader and basketball fan, enjoys gastronomy, and is a wine connoisseur.

Our 42nd recipient credits philately for many worldwide friendships that have opened doors to the scientific, industrial, academic and political spheres of human activity, thereby greatly enriching his life.

The Lichtenstein Award caps an outstanding career of services to philately.